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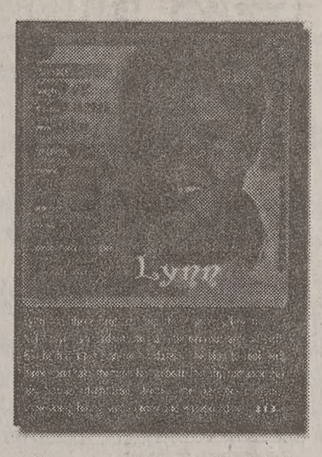

Boy Crazy

Thirty-seven boys from Utah have been selected as icons for girls' trading cards.

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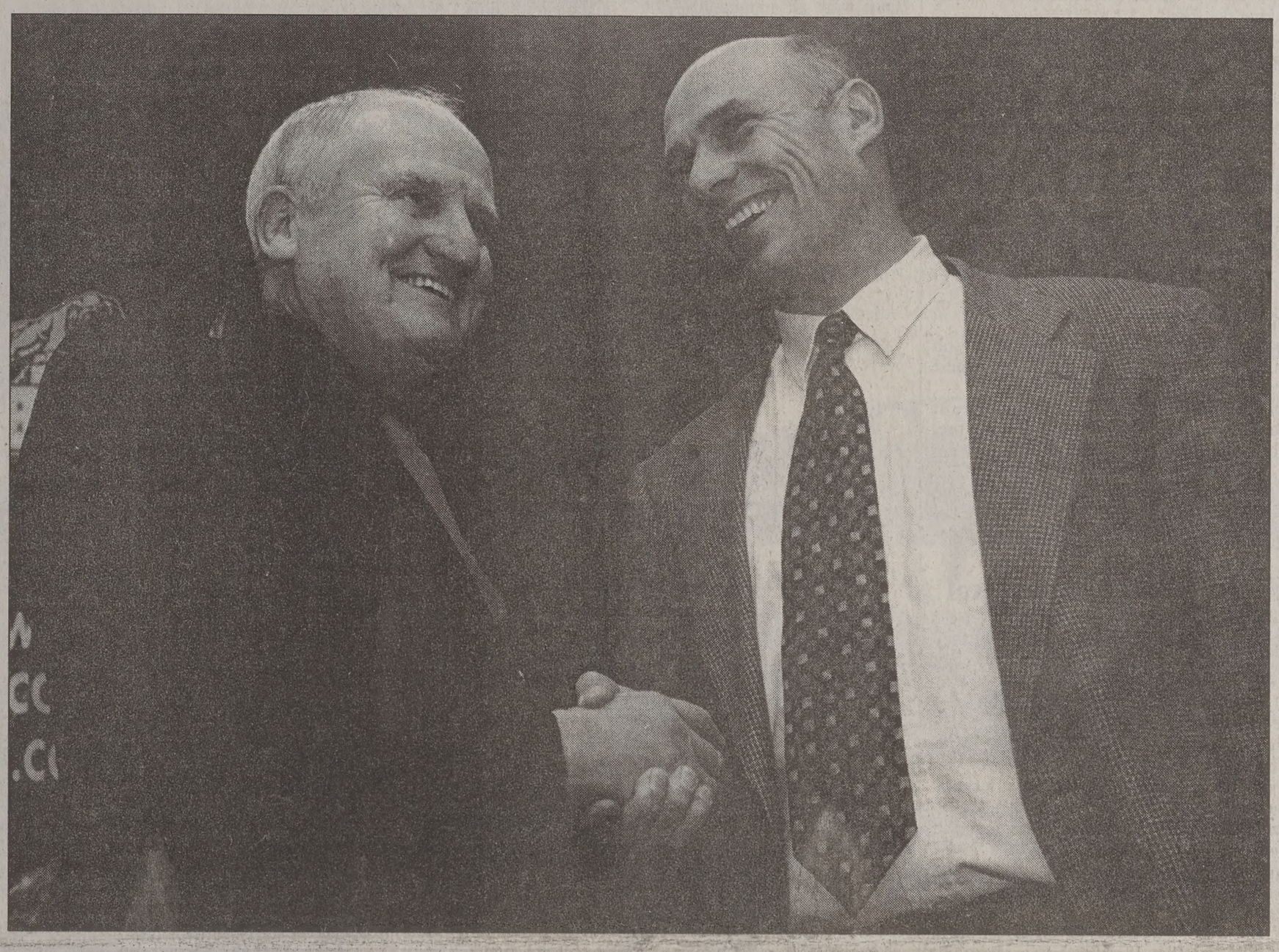

Former BYU football coach LaVell Edwards shakes hands with Gary Crowton after he makes his acceptance speech as new head coach of the team. Crowton will be leaving his job as offensive coordinator for the Bears.

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Crowton accepts coaching position

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Gary Crowton has had two life dreams: to coach in the NFL and to come back to Provo.

Crowton accomplished the first two years ago when he joined the Chicago Bears.

The second became a reality Wednesday when President Merrill J. Bateman introduced him as the new BYU head football coach at LaVell Edwards Stadium.

"I'm ecstatic to be here," said Crowton, a former Orem High School quarterback.

"Twenty-nine years was a long time for LaVell to be here. It was a long time for them to want him to be here. I hope that they want me to be here for that long."

Crowton, who was a student assistant at BYU in 1982, will be following an Edwards' legacy that included 22 bowl games, 13 top-25 finishes and a national championship.

"I'm not LaVell Edwards," Crowton said. "I've learned a lot from him, and I'm excited about my opportunity.

"I have to sit back and look at what has made the program successful over the last 29 years. I know that there is some changes to be made in some of the things that we do."

Earlier in the day, Crowton told the Bears' offense of his decision.

"It's tough because the NFL is pretty neat," Crowton said. "It is the top of the profession. But it's not the most important thing in the world."

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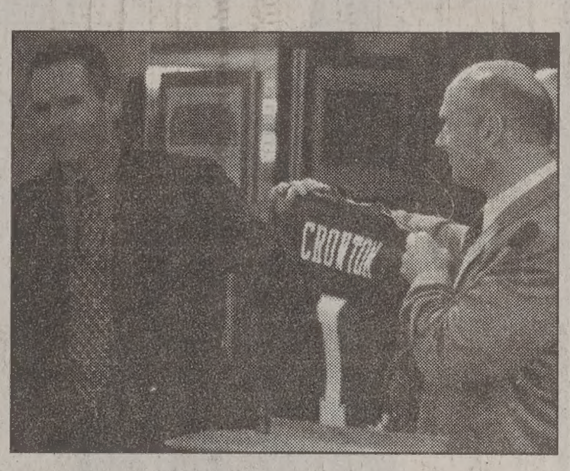

Top: From left, assistant coaches Roger French, Brian Mitchell and Barry Lamb watch as Gary Crowton accepts the new position at Wednesday's press conference. Bottom: Athletic director presents Crowton with a BYU jersey.

Coach is 'air' apparent

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BYU fans who want a return to the glory days of throwing the football every down just got their wish.

Gary Crowton, the air-attack's patron saint, was officially named BYU's new head football coach Wednesday evening.

Crowton is well known for innovative five-receiver sets and an affinity for the wide receiver screen.

He has struggled as offensive coordinator with the Chicago Bears this season, after an impressive debut last year.

Last year, the Bears were third in the NFL in passing offense, this year it's not even close. They have gone from Monsters of the Midway to last place in the NFC's Central Division.

Crowton's affinity for the passing game has made believers out of some, and critics of others.

ESPN's Chris Mortensen said in a recent column that the Bears could be a very entertaining brand of football.

"When it's working, and the team is winning, it's fun to

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Court of appeals rules in Gore's favor

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A federal appeals court refused Wednesday to throw out manual recounts of ballots completed in three Florida counties, rejecting an appeal filed by George W. Bush at the height of the recount controversy in the state's contested election.

The 11 U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with a district court ruling which held that Bush, as well as supporters in a second lawsuit, failed to prove they had been irreparably injured.

Bush had sought a court order to stop the recounts, which were completed last month, trimming his certified victory margin over Democrat Al Gore from 930 votes to 537 out of 6 million cast in Florida.

The judges said Bush was "suffering no serious harm, let alone irreparable harm" because he was certified the winner of Florida's electoral votes "notwithstanding the inclusion of manually recounted ballots. Moreover, even if manual recounts were to resume pursuant to a state court order, it is wholly speculative as to whether the results of those recounts may eventually place Vice President Gore ahead."

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> — Doug Hattaway, Gore spokesman

The judges emphasized that they had not ruled on the constitutional merits of Bush's argument and simply denied his request for an order stopping the recounts.

The rulings in the Bush and GOP appeals were not unanimous among the 12 judges, with four dissenters — all appointed by Republicans — to each of the two cases. Three Republican appointees agreed with the rulings.

Gore's campaign hailed the ruling allowing the earlier recounts, saying it cleared the way for Florida's Supreme Court to decide the election by counting additional ballots requested by the vice president.

"We're very pleased that the court rejected the Bush campaign's effort to throw out hand counts," Gore spokesman Doug Hattaway said.

There was no immediate Bush camp response.

James Bopp Jr., attorney for the James Madison Center for Free Speech, which represents Bush voters from Brevard County, Fla., said the judges should not assume that Bush voters were not

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— *Associated Press*

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— *Associated Press*

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...TRAX will run ...Sundays ...through Jan. 1

...Utah Transit Authority has ...announced that TRAX will run on ...Sundays through Jan. 1.

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...Also offering Sunday TRAX ...service in response to the number ...of people interested in shopping ...in the area and visiting Temple ...Square. Sunday, McBride said. ...Many downtown retailers are ...looking forward to increased ...business from more people com... ...to the area on TRAX.

...They are simply delighted. ...They have been great in getting ...people back downtown," said ...Ann Hein, community develop... ...director of Downtown ...Alliance.

— *Jeremy Couch*

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Choking hazard causes pacifier recall

HESPERIA, Calif. — About 16,000 pacifiers are being recalled because they are a choking hazard to infants, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

The Pacee pacifiers were produced by Hesperia-based Small Beginnings Inc., which is cooperating in the recall.

"Those pacifiers were intended for premature babies. That means that they were smaller," Kim Dulic, a spokeswoman for the safety commission, said Wednesday. "That would pose a choking hazard for normal-sized babies. And the packaging wasn't labeled to say the pacifiers were for premies."

No injuries have been reported.

The pacifiers are blue with a butterfly-shaped shield. They are packaged in a plastic bag that has a picture of a baby sleeping with a teddy bear.

Sailor to be buried in USS Arizona

HONOLULU — On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Lewis P. Robinson stood on a dock at Pearl Harbor waiting for a boat to return him to the USS Arizona after an overnight shore leave.

The clear blue skies suddenly darkened as a wave of Japanese planes descended, raining bombs on the harbor.

Within minutes, bombs ripped open the 608-foot Arizona, killing 1,177 crew members and sinking the ship.

Today — the 59th anniversary of the attack — Robinson will be reunited with his shipmates when his ashes are interred by divers in the sunken hull of the Arizona.

"He always said that he wanted to go back," said Robinson's niece Susan Anderson. "He said make sure when he died, he would be placed on the Arizona."

Poll shows support for teacher strike

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah residents appear supportive of teachers in the wake of a one-day walkout, but are split on whether they want to pay more taxes to improve schools, according to a new poll.

The copyright Deseret News/KSL poll showed that 51 percent of those surveyed Tuesday, the day of the teacher walkout, strongly or somewhat supported the walkout.

Thirty-nine percent said they somewhat or strongly opposed the job action called for by the Utah Education Association, the state's largest teachers union. The remaining 10 percent said they didn't know.

An overwhelming 89 percent surveyed said schools should receive at least another 7 percent funding increase from the 2001 Legislature. Seven percent opposed such a level of support and 4 percent were undecided.

However, respondents were evenly split on whether taxes should be raised for education — 47 percent supported a property or income tax increase while 48 percent opposed a hike. The remainder were undecided.

Pandas trek from China to U.S. capital

CHANTILLY, Va. — They just sit around and eat bamboo, but they will soon become cherished residents of the nation's capital: Two giant pandas from China.

The bears — Mei Xiang, a 2-year-old female, and Tian Tian, a 3-year-old male — arrived Wednesday afternoon at Dulles International Airport in a specially equipped jet dubbed "Panda One" that was decorated with huge pictures of the pandas on the outside.

The pandas will be at the National Zoo in Washington for at least 10 years. The Chinese government loaned the pandas to the zoo in exchange for a $10 million donation to promote panda conservation in China.

Only about 1,000 pandas remain in the wild, mostly in western and central China. Five other pandas live in United States zoos — two in Atlanta and three in San Diego.

At the National Zoo, Mei Xiang (pronounced may-SHONG) and Tian Tian (t-YEN t-YEN) will occupy the same panda house — plus a $2 million renovation — that was home to Ling-Ling and Hsing-Hsing.

Weather

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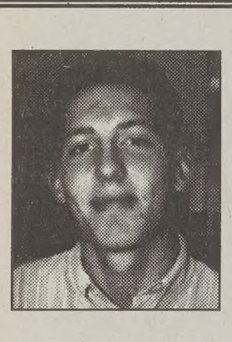
sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day



"Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when though liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks to God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day."

— Alma 37:37

David Jones, 23, a sophomore from Torrance, Calif., majoring in political science, likes this scripture because "it shows how we need the Lord in every aspect of our lives."

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injured.

"We believe that there is an injury to a voter when his or her vote is diminished, and that requires a court to act," said Bopp, adding that he would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In their dissents Judges Gerald Bard Tjoflat, Ed Carnes, Joel A. Dubina and Stanley F. Birch Jr. argued that the recounts were unfair because they were only in selected counties and because there were no consistent standards in counting ballots.

"Even if the Republican Party or its candidate had requested manual recounts in every punch-card county, the process would still have ended up treating some punch-card voters differently based upon the counties in which they lived. The Constitution forbids that," Carnes wrote in the dissent. Carnes, Dubina and Birch were all appointed to the Appeals Court by Bush's father, former President Bush.

The dissenters also criticized the Florida Supreme Court's decision to extend the deadline for certifying votes.

> **"By changing the 'rules of the game' after it was played, the supreme court debased the votes ..."**
> — Court dissenters in 11 U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

"By changing the 'rules of the game' after it was played, the supreme court debased the votes of thousands of Florida voters and denied them the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment."

Tjoflat wrote a separate dissent criticizing the lack of standards in the Florida manual recount statute. He said other states have clear standards regarding how to conduct manual recounts of punch-card ballots. "Absent similar clear and certain standards, Florida's manual recount scheme cannot pass constitutional muster," he said.

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One of Crowton's first duties will be to select a coaching staff. Current assistant coaches and others will be included in the interview process, Crowton said.

"Twenty-nine years of winning is pretty good. I recognize that," Crowton said. "I need to feel comfortable about the people, that they will be loyal if things get tough and their won't be a divided house, because in this profession times do get tough.

"I'm going to make the decisions that are best and fair to move this university forward in the future."

Athletic director Val Hale and advancement vice president Fred Skousen considered 11 candidates for the job. Communication with Crowton was made over the phone with permission from the Bears and his agent.

"He wanted to make sure that everything we did was in accordance with what the Bears wanted done," Hale said.

He was offered the job last Friday, Crowton said.

"All along I thought he wa guy who could come in and ca this thing forward," Edwards s "I whole-heartedly agree w what they've done."

Although happy to accept job, Crowton had a difficult t leaving the Bears, especially w the frustrations they are go through. The Bears are curren 3-10.

"It was tough to think about Bears when I was thinking ab BYU, and I didn't think it w fair," Crowton said. "I'm n afraid to stay when times a tough, but this is the best time take this on with the energy have."

In his last college head-coachi stint, Crowton went 21-3 in thr seasons at Louisiana Tech.

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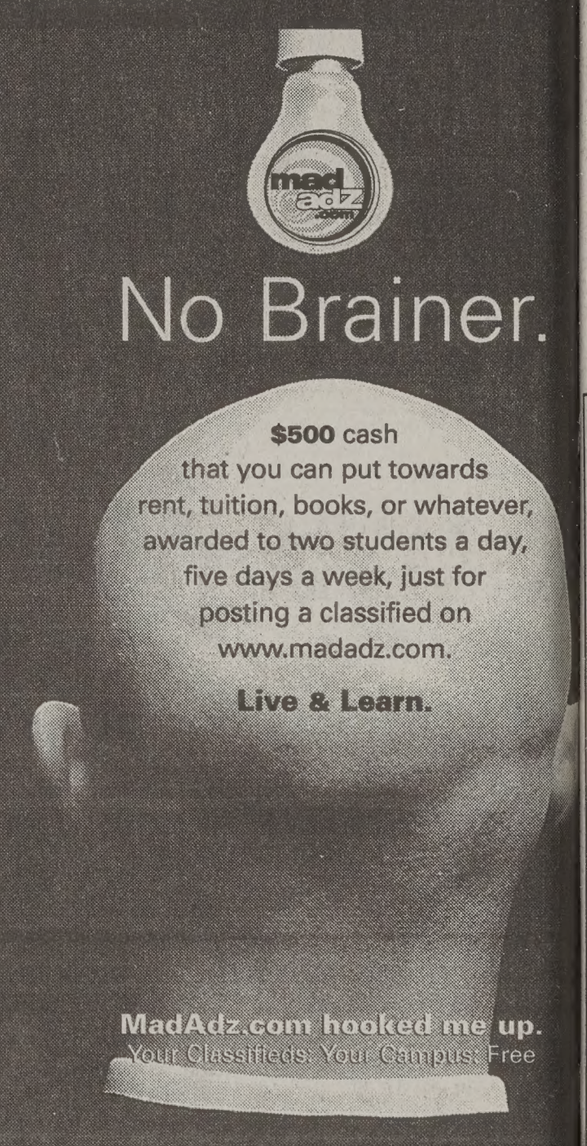
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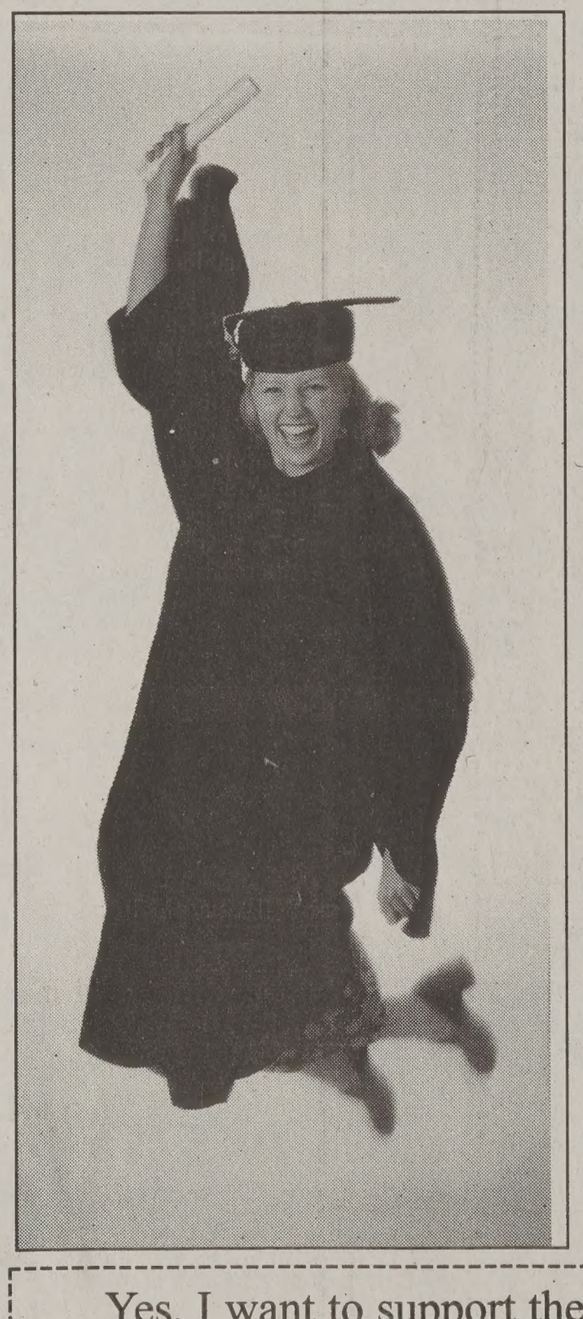

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Several BYU supporters have established a Matching Challenge Grant to encourage students to help those around them by giving to the BYU Annual Fund. For students and graduating seniors, *they will match gifts five to one!* This means your $10 gift today will be worth $60 to the university. A $30 gift will generate a match of $150!

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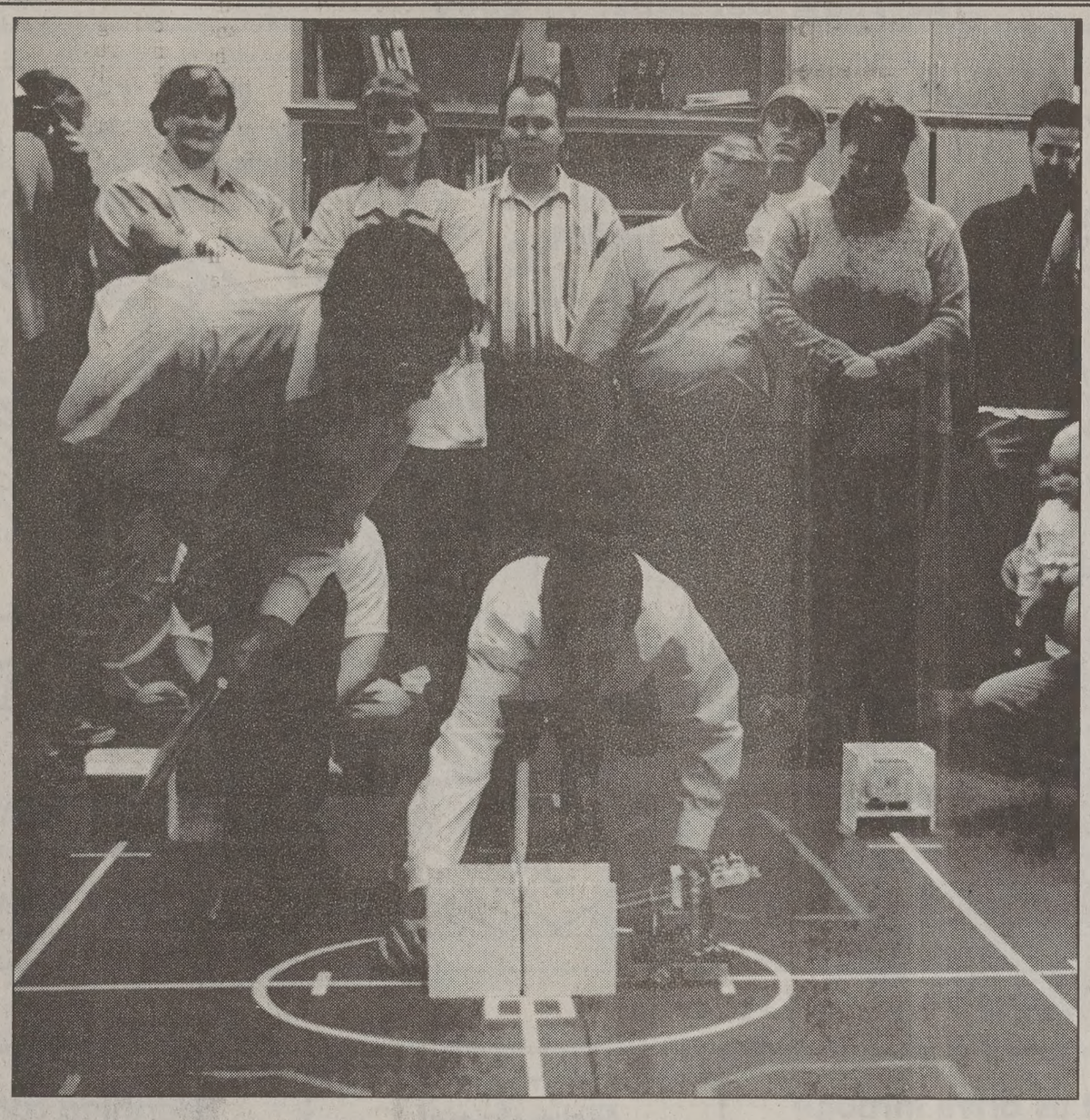

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Robots go head to head

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It was a battle of the robots Wednesday as BYU engineering students competed at the mini-forklift challenge in the Crabtree Technology Building.

The event showcased robots designed and built by 25 students for a mechatronics class project, said instructor Richard Helps, associate professor of electronics engineering technology.

Helps said the eight student teams spent between 200 and 400 hours preparing for the event where they maneuvered the robots on an obstacle course.

"I think students take this class because we have the neatest toys to play with," he said.

The students had to do a lot of pre-planning, which included using design software and creating sensors that adapt to changes in temperature, he said.

Helps said the project also required the students to integrate computers, mechanics and electronics in building their robots.

"Learning to integrate a number of disciplines in a single project is a valuable skill," he said.

That skill is particularly valuable in the engineering field because most systems are not purely mechanical or electronic, said John Bosley, the teaching assistant who helped plan the event.

Bosley, 27, a graduate student from Orange County, Calif., participated in the project two years ago as an undergraduate. He said students in the mechatronics class build better robots each semester.

He said the combination of past experience and improved technology has put the project on the cutting-edge.

"There are things students are now doing that no one has ever done before," Bosley said.

One thing in particular is a simulation of real forklifts on a course representing a factory floor, said Brian Fielding, 25, a graduate student from Houston.

That simulation is the basis of the fork-lift challenge, said John Kennedy, 24, a senior from Mapleton, Utah County, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Students directed the robots to complete three increasingly difficult tasks: follow a white line, identify an object and move it; follow a line backwards and identify an object based on color; and receive remote signals from the students and complete tasks accordingly.

Kennedy said the mechatronics class is extremely valuable for engineering students because it is project-oriented.

Students not only learn the mechanics but also make a physical representation of them, he said.

Kennedy said there are a lot of corporations like Wal-Mart and on-line merchants like Amazon.com that will eventually use robots to move products in their warehouses.

"What we're learning here is real, practical information," he said. "It's the next step in factory automation."

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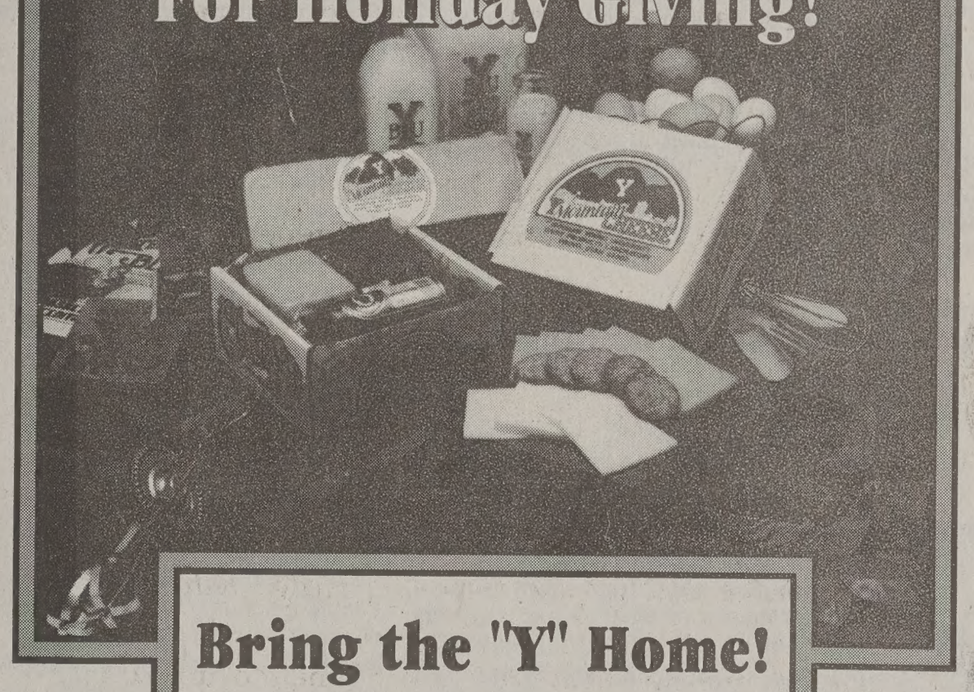

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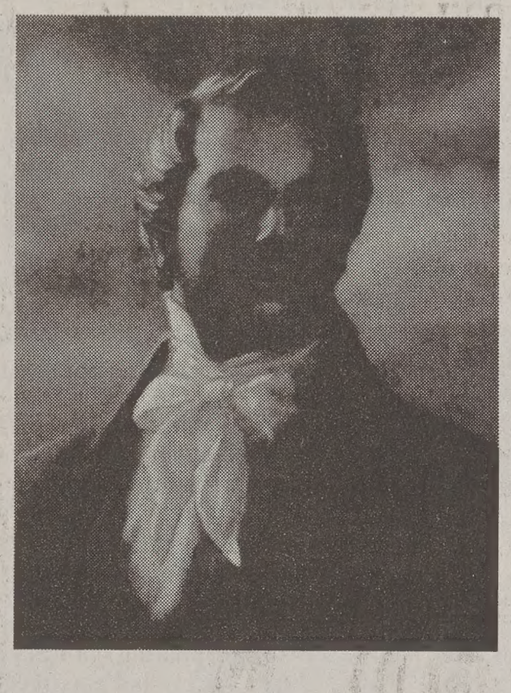

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UEA walkout lacked timing, creativity

Utah Education Association officials have praised Tuesday's walkout as a success.

But other than littering neighborhoods and newspapers with the "Utah Students Deserve More" slogan, have the teachers made a difference?

The answer is no.

Despite the importance of the issues the UEA wanted to raise, the walkout was an ill-timed and ill-conceived idea.

The teachers decided to walk after the Funding of Public Education Task Force failed to come up with desperately needed long-term funding plans.

The job action was a call to arms, a call to show the teachers' indignation.

However, that energy and indignation was wasted. Now that the task force has issued its recommendations, nothing can change until the Legislature opens its session in late January — more than one month after the daylong walkout.

When January finally rolls around, the walkout will be all but forgotten to Utah's residents.

The UEA as a whole has much to learn from the teachers in Salt Lake City's Granite School District, which did not take part in the walkout.

Teachers there had one of their own last February, when the Legislature was still in session — when the Legislature still had the power to act.

At the very least, the UEA could have staged the walkout during the task force's deliberation period, and not after — when it was too late. Flawed timing made the walkout less effective.

The idea of a walkout itself is also flawed.

A forewarned one-day walkout has all the disadvantages of a lengthy strike with none of the benefits.

When unions strike, they deprive their employers and the public of labor until certain demands are met.

Workers live without pay for that period in the hopes that management will give in to their collective demands.

Tuesday's walkout was similar in that the teachers deprived parents and children of their work and themselves of money.

However, everyone knew the walkout would last exactly one day.

Skipping school gave teachers no bargaining position at all. The walkout was no threat to the state. No one was in danger of losing the teachers for an extended period.

The only thing garnered by the walkout was the public's attention to educational issues.

Of course, gaining attention to a cause is the name of the game in politics, but there surely must be more effective ways to inform Utahns about education problems without disrupting their schedules — without making teachers give up part of their salary.

For an organization made of educators, the UEA sure has a limited imagination.

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VIEWPOINT

Procrastinators, unite

nikki purdy

Associate Web Editor

It's about 10 minutes before deadline, and since I have been putting off writing this piece, I thought it only fitting to write about procrastination.

Procrastination is something students of all ages are familiar with. All students have procrastinated homework, studying or projects at some time in their lives, and if they say they haven't, they are probably lying. Procrastinators fall into several categories, which I will describe.

The first are the deniers. They refuse to admit that they do assignments five minutes before class or that they deliberately neglected studying for that economics test to hang out with the cute guy in the ward that looks like an Abercrombie and Fitch poster boy. They like to think that they do everything on time or in advance because it makes them feel better, but deep down inside, they know they are just like everyone else.

The second kind are the braggers. They revel in their success as procrastinators, and they want everyone to know about it. They are the ones you hear in the Cougareat saying they pulled an all-nighter to write a 20-page paper or they wrote a 10-page paper an hour before it was due. They are most likely lying. Did I mention that procrastinators are often liars? They also like to exaggerate. These procrastinators think it is admirable that they wait until the last minute to do anything from a simple math assignment to a thesis paper, when really their boasting is a cover for laziness.

The third kind are the guilt-ridden procrastinators. They pretend not to care that they have a midterm the next day when they consent to go to the movies with their roommates but really the guilt is eating away at them. They put it off but feel horrible for doing it. They will most likely kick themselves for being so irresponsible.

Then there is the group that I will call the Ashley-procrastinators. I have named this group after my incredibly intelligent roommate. These are the kind that have 16 hours of nursing credits but think they should take some more or audit Spanish at 7 a.m., just so they will have more to do. Because they spend 12 hours in class every day and they spend approximately one hour eating every day, that leaves them with only 11 hours to write their papers and do their homework. They have so many assignments, they end up procrastinating because they get overwhelmed. Then they lose sleep because there just isn't enough time in the day to finish everything. These people may be borderline insane.

There are also sacrament talk procrastinators. (This is one of the groups I fall under. Notice I said 'groups' because I fall under several.) These people purposely avoid preparing for their talks on Sunday, thinking that the Spirit will guide them. They may look up a few scriptures, find a few quotes or locate an appropriate story, but they don't write anything down. They will get up and just start talking. Some of us are good at this, but I am convinced that I am destined to fail at some point. These people think they are good talk givers, but that doesn't change the fact that they are just lucky procrastinators.

At this time of year, the final-exam procrastinators come pouring out from dorm rooms, library carrels and apartments all over campus. They have crammed so much studying into the two or three days they have set aside during finals week that they can only hold information in their brains for no more than 50 minutes. That is why so many people are frantically studying in the Testing Center line.

And last but not least is that group of males who refuse to buy Christmas presents before December 24th. My brother is one of these. They wait and wait until 10:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve before they venture out to do their shopping, then they act surprised and cheated when all the stores are closed or all the good gifts have been picked over. They panic because they haven't bought presents for their moms or girlfriends and end up running to Rite-Aid to buy cheap perfume and some wool socks.

Since I am now one minute past my deadline, I am going to forego the conclusion and end by saying: 'Tis the season to procrastinate. Well, when isn't it the season?

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READERS' FORUM

Let us drive through

Dear Editor,

I realize that students can't be at BYU without the professors, but I also realize that professors can't be here without the students. So, why can't we all just get along? I don't understand why I, as a good-standing student at BYU, am forbidden to drive through campus. Drive through! I'm not concerned about parking; I simply want to be able to drop my husband off at the Testing Center on a rainy day or get to 800 North without driving clear around the entire campus to get there.

If the traffic officers are SO concerned about me parking on campus, they can hop on in and ride along. Just please let me drive through the campus I have given my life savings to four times, that's all I ask.

Amanda Bevan
Fletcher, Ohio

Practicing tolerance

Dear Editor,

In a recent class I heard a student say, "The prophet told us to be tolerant. PERIOD."

I agree with the prophet.

The prophet has also told us to be baptized. However, millions have been confused through the years by the simple statement to be baptized because they were unaware of or ignored additional information. And, since the people are not following the additional information, revelation indicates that the wrong form of baptism "availeth [them] nothing." (D&C 22:2)

So it is with tolerance. The word seems simple enough, but we have been warned on campus by living apostles that misunderstanding of the term can lead to "spineless permissiveness" and other mistakes.

The tolerance we have been taught does not welcome or love sin. That is a thin line at times, and it is difficult to navigate. However, we need to be sure our actions and our "tolerance" do not condone sin.

Loving people must always be our aim, but it is misleading to believe that by accepting someone's sins and condoning unrighteous behavior, we are loving the sinner.

Only our Savior can justify sins. It is our opportunity to repent of them and to encourage others to do the same.

John Gambee
Junction City, Ore.

Learning from experience

Dear Editor,

An interesting event occurred last weekend that many of you might have read or heard about on the news. A young lady went out for day hike that turned into much longer than that. Her intent was to go up near the Y, around the back of Y Mountain, and down Rock Canyon. She lost her way and spent more than two days up there before rescuers found her half a mile below Rock Canyon campground. She said she lost the trail partly because the snow was deeper than she had expected. Her friends and family played an integral part in her rescue. Of course, my first wonder was how someone could get lost on a trip requiring a right turn, followed by three left turns. But only pointing out the faults of others will not make anyone's life better. Phrasing things in the positive will.

The first principle I learned vicariously from this experience is how much the safety of others is our responsibility. This is true as we ride or walk our way through the day. BUT, this is true — especially when someone specifically needs our help.

The young lady's friends said how it was hard for them to sleep at night, knowing their friend was out in the cold. I know from personal experience how cold that area can get at night. Plastic sacks and a cut up T-shirt can't be that warm. Thanks to all those who were concerned for her plight and made an effort to save her — what an example you are for all of us.

The second principle I learned was the importance of being prepared. I believe that many hikers on the trails around here do not bring sufficient survival items that would allow them to even live if faced with a similar situation. I am no stranger to being lost in the mountains. Jumping down an eight-foot waterfall in the pitch black on the side of Mt. Olympus is not fun, as I'm sure this experience wasn't either. Judging her unrighteously as inexperienced and/or unwise is not the right thing to do. Learning from the experience is.

I am glad the young lady survived and I am glad that those people close to her provided a good example for us. I hope this does not discourage anyone from doing what it takes to see the landscapes that Utah has to offer.

Eric Smith
Eugene, Ore.

Wymount combustion

Dear Editor,

We recently heard that Wymount does not allow residents to have Christmas trees in their apartments because of the danger of them catching on fire. We think this is a great policy! While they're at it, we think they should not allow wooden tables, cabinets or chairs — or anything made out of wood, for that matter — including olive wood nativity sets that every Jerusalem Center alum owns. Carpet could be a big fire hazard, as well as clothes. And household chemicals will go up in flames if they get anywhere near a match. Hairspray should definitely be banned. Mattresses and cribs could be flammable too. Think of the children!

We believe Wymount managers are on the right track — but they just haven't thought this through enough. Please, Wymount, for the safety of your residents, reconsider your fire hazard policies. We don't want anyone — or anything — to combust.

Kimberly Gibby
Lindon, Utah County

Kathy Maksimik
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Warming campus

Dear Editor,

We wish to address an issue that has nothing to do with the weather, but rather the "cold" that deals with student interaction. As students we should interact as potential friends instead of coldly treating one another as strangers. You can catch this chill just about anywhere you go. Walking to school, waiting in line for lunch, even in hallways and classrooms, people have forgotten common courtesies and, in this respect, are "cold" to one another.

It is not uncommon for two people to pass, staring straight ahead and avoiding eye contact.

Another kindness that is often forgotten is to say "bless you" after someone has sneezed. Why don't we give them out? Why don't we say hello to one another?

There is an ill-too-popular rationalization that because BYU is a big campus, there is no need to greet people — since you may never see them again.

Let's not be strangers. Make this campus seem a bit smaller. The next time you confront someone on the sidewalk, make eye contact and exchange a warm greeting. Take some time to stop and say hello. "Bless" the people who sneeze. Ultimately, let's try to be a little more Christ-like. We have a common goal to return to him. Let's help one another along the way. We can begin with the little things: saying please and thank you, opening doors, giving compliments, being courteous drivers, etc. Help BYU stay warm these winter months.

Jesse Bushnell
Fallbrook, Calif.

Jenny Wilson
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Annie Scoffield
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Mesa, Ariz.

Thinking for ourselves

Dear Editor,

I'd like to take a moment to share my disgust at the pervasive ignorance of politics (not to mention life in general) that saturates our campus. I have to come right out and tell everyone that Republican does not translate into "pillar of righteousness" and Democrat does not translate into "minion of the devil."

Everyone assumes that Gore is the bad guy, and no one is willing to concede the fact that if the shoe were on the other foot Bush, the intellectual statesman that he is, would be doing the same thing. And I don't want to hear: "Well, Nixon conceded his election and he was a Republican." That was almost 50 years ago, people!

This is the attitude that I see every day. People ignorantly assume Bush should be our next president solely because he is a Republican, without knowing what he personally stands for. I would be willing to bet $100 that if Mother Theresa was running for president as a Democrat and Sadam Hussein was running as a Republican, all of Utah would throw it's weight behind Hussein. Now, I'm not saying that Gore is a paragon of virtue, but I do think people need to start thinking for themselves.

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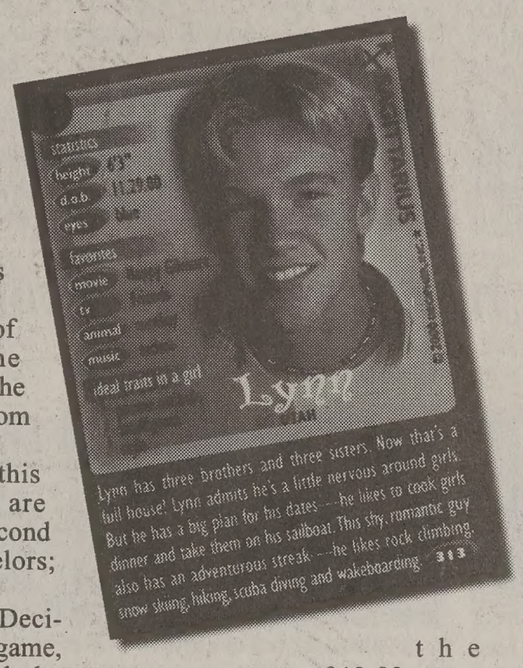
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Lynn has three brothers and three sisters. Now that's a full house! Lynn admits he's a little nervous around girls. But he has a big plan for his dates — he likes to cook girls dinner and take them on his sailboat. This shy, romantic guy also has an adventurous streak — he likes rock climbing, snow skiing, hiking, scuba diving and wakeboarding.
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e are no special require- hat the boys are between the ages of 12-22.

Once the finalists were chosen, the trading cards were released to the public this year on Valentines Day.

The cards, sold in packs of nine, feature the photos, the physical features and personality profiles of the everyday boys — not celebrities or made-up guys.

The cards can be traded and also used to play a matchmaking game. Girls only need one pack to begin.

The company said the game is "designed to encourage girls to develop healthy and realistic attitudes toward dating and empower them to make choices using real boys from diverse cultures in lieu of celebrities."

Each week girls could log on to www.boycrazy.com and vote for "The Boy of the Week." The 40 boys of the week are now competing for "Boy of the Year."

Due to confidentiality reasons, the last names of the boys cannot be released.

Lynn, 20, from Utah, is card No. 313. He said he was "Boy of the Week" October 9-15.

He said he was at Fashion Place Mall a year and a half ago when he found out about "Boy Crazy!"

"This experience has been completely different than anything before. I live in a 'Leave-it-to-Beaver' town, and this has been so fun," Lynn said.

He said he gets so many e-mails from teenage girls he has a hard time keeping up with them.

Card No. 213, Mike, 19, from Utah, said he was "Boy of the Week" July 24-30.

He said his lifestyle hasn't been altered too much, but he expects it to if he wins.

"It has been fun having fan mail and having a trading card to show my friends," Mike said.

Dustin, 18, is a University of Utah student who signed up last summer.

Since being voted "Boy of the Week" August 21-27, he has received thousands of e-mails. He said one day he got 900.

"My friends joke around with me and call me 253. They tell me to go up to girls and tell them I am card No. 253 so they will go out with me," Dustin said.

The Boy of the Year will receive a $10,000 college scholarship, a VW bug and a one-year modeling contract with "Boy Crazy!"

Girls can vote now until Sunday at the Web site. The winners will be announced Wednesday.

To keep the game fresh and exciting, the current 363 boys will be retired at the end of the year. A new set will be chosen for 2001, Larson said.

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watch," he said.

However Ron Jaworski, former Green Bay Packers quarterback and current NFL analyst, said he worries about the complexity of the offense.

"The Bears are trying to do too much, especially with a young quarterback. The concepts of Crowton's offense, the principles, they're all good. But when you have a young quarterback, you've got to bring him along a little slower," he said.

However, Crowton has proven that he can coach a high-powered offense.

His Louisiana Tech team passed for 590 yards against Nebraska during his tenure there.

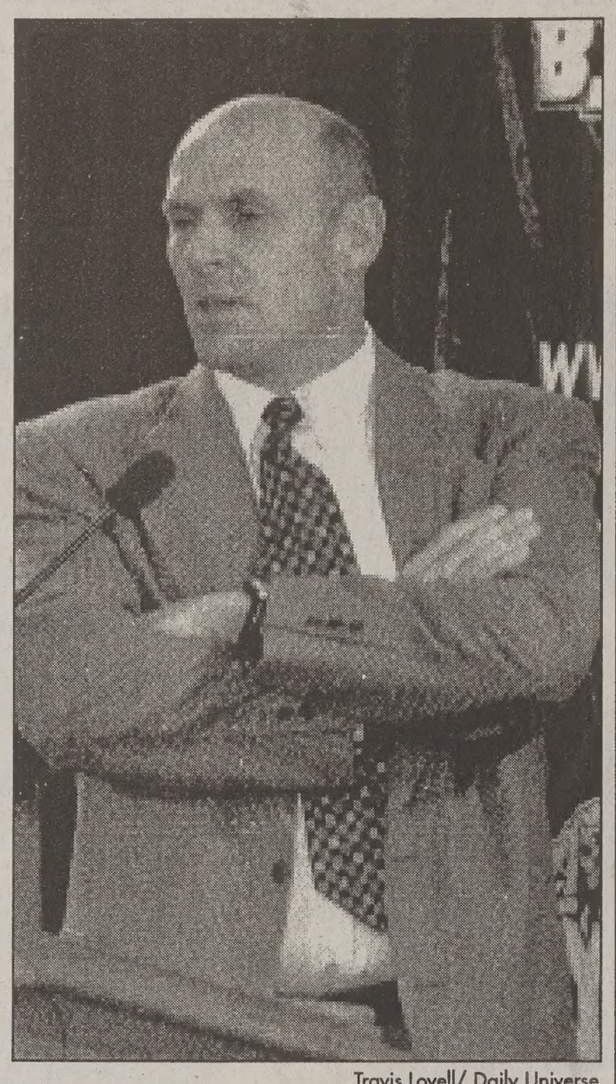
He also coached his 1997 Tech team to a 9-2 record that was sandwiched between 6-5 and 6-6 seasons. His total record at four-year college and pro programs is 84-76-2.

Crowton has made coaching stops at Snow College, Western Illinois, New Hampshire, Boston College, Georgia Tech, Louisiana Tech and the NFL's Chicago Bears before taking the reins at BYU.

BYU is likely most interested in Crowton's coaching philosophy and good character standing because they have stated they want a long-term coach, not just a quick fix.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that Crowton's salary would be in excess of $400,000 a year and would include free tuition for his six children, a move that could make sense as a perk in a long-term deal.

Crowton is expected to finish out the season with the Bears before making BYU his full-time priority.



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Crowton, new BYU head football coach, practices his "LaVell Edwards sideline stance" at the press conference today.

University reviewing arrest

By Christijan Draper
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BYU officials are reviewing the situation involving the arrest of a BYU football player in connection with public intoxication and underage drinking.

Carri Jenkins, assistant to the President for University Communications, said no definite information was available regarding the case as of Tuesday afternoon.

"The university is aware of the situation, and we are reviewing the matter," Jenkins said.

Brent Pollock, 19, the BYU freshman and football defensive lineman who was arrested early Tuesday morning for suspicion of public intoxication, was released from the Utah County Jail at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday by a judge.

According to a story in the Provo Daily Herald, Pollock was ed when police responded t involving intoxicated m Liberty Square Apartment E. 500 North.

Pollock was alone in the p lot of the apartments, accord the article.

The BYU Honor Code referred all questions reg the incident to Jenkins who University representative f case.

Malone says he's grateful for milestone sco

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone will keep the ball that lifted him past Wilt Chamberlain. The Hall of Fame will have to settle for a plain old game ball.

Malone passed Chamberlain for second place on the NBA's career scoring list after taking a feed from John Stockton and hitting a scoop shot in the lane.

The historic points came during the second quarter of Utah's 98-84 victory over Toronto on Tuesday night. Going in, Malone needed eight points to pass Chamberlain.

"It was a great relief. Everybody was reminding me about it," said Malone, who finished with 31 points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots. "I was glad when it was over."

Fans rose for an ovation that lasted several minutes, even as play continued. When a whistle blew for a dead ball, Malone was mobbed by teammates.

"I felt like a football player who scored the winning touchdown," he said. "Everyone piled on top of me."

Malone also was thrown out of his own party. He got a late technical for jawing with Toronto's Kevin Willis, then another with less than a minute to play for arguing with a referee.

"I'll always remember this night. I'll also remember I got kicked out," Malone said.

Malone, 37, now has 31,443 points in his 16-year career. Chamberlain had 31,419 in 14 seasons. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar tops the list at 38,387.

At his average of about 23 points a game, Malone need to play about four mo sons to catch Abdul-J Malone will try to break the only if he continues to play

"I won't stay around just record and I won't come from a serious injury," he s think about things I want to myself, with my family an kids. I see other athletes wh too long. I don't want to."

There was no ceremony to the occasion Tuesday David Allred, Utah's vice dent for public relations, sa Jazz only stage ceremonie NBA or team records.

"Karl only passed Wilt," said. "I know it's significan the question becomes, 'D stop the game every time Stockton has an assist steal?'"

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BYU is led this year by the most decorated Cougar swimmer in history, Arturas Savickas.

He is a two-time Olympian fresh off of his return home from the Sydney Olympics where he competed for his home country of Lithuania.

Savickas, a three-time All-American and on track to make it four, holds nine school records and has the fastest time posted in the NCAA this year in the 200 freestyle of 1:36.46.

So far this season Savickas has dominated the competition in every event he has competed in.

His most impressive meet of the year came at the Big West Shootout held in Irvine, Calif., in November.

There he garnered six first-place finishes winning the 100 freestyle, the 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 200-medley relay, and the 400 freestyle relay.

Savickas is also the Mountain West Conference record holder in each of these events.

His performance in the Big West Shootout earned him the honor of MWC Swimmer of the Week on Nov. 9.

Another Cougar making waves this year is sophomore Gary Tan.

Tan also brings Olympic experience to the BYU pools having participated in the Sydney games for his native country of Singapore.

Last season at BYU he was a MWC finalist in the 100 backstroke and the 200-individual medley, and achieved All-MWC honors in the 200 backstroke.

Against rival University of Utah this season, Tan won the 200 backstroke seven seconds ahead of his nearest opponent with a time of 1:50.20.

Tan also showed his mettle in the Speedo Cup meet last weekend when he ... that ... in his ...

This next day, however, he returned to the pool to help lead the Cougars to victory in the 400-medley relay.

Tan was also the recipient of MWC Swimmer of the Week honors on Nov. 22 for sweeping his events against Utah.

He won the 200 backstroke, the 200 individual medley, as well as setting a new conference record with his teammates in the 400-medley relay, posting a time of 3:25.03.

In addition to the credentials of Savickas and Tan, the Cougars are well stocked with talent.

Nick Tobler, a freshman from Tempe, Ariz., was a top national recruit, and Billy Betz is the school record holder in the 50 freestyle.

According to Powers, it should come as no surprise that the men's swim team has been so successful this season.

"We have had 16 All-Americans and five Academic All-Americans come though this program," said Powers.

"Plus the fact that we are the defending champions of the Mountain West Conference."

> "This could be one of BYU's best swim teams ever."
>
> — Tim Powers, men's swim coach

And the Cougars are working hard to continue their winning ways.

They routinely put in four hours a day at the pool swimming between eight and ten miles.

"They are committed," said Powers.

"This could be one of BYU's best swim teams ever."

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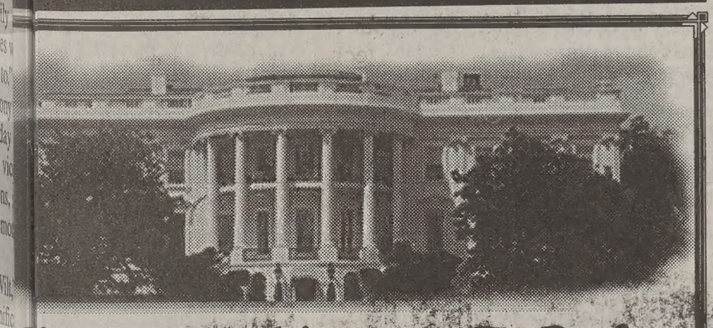

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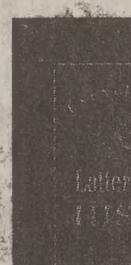

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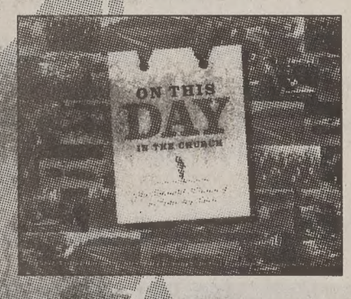

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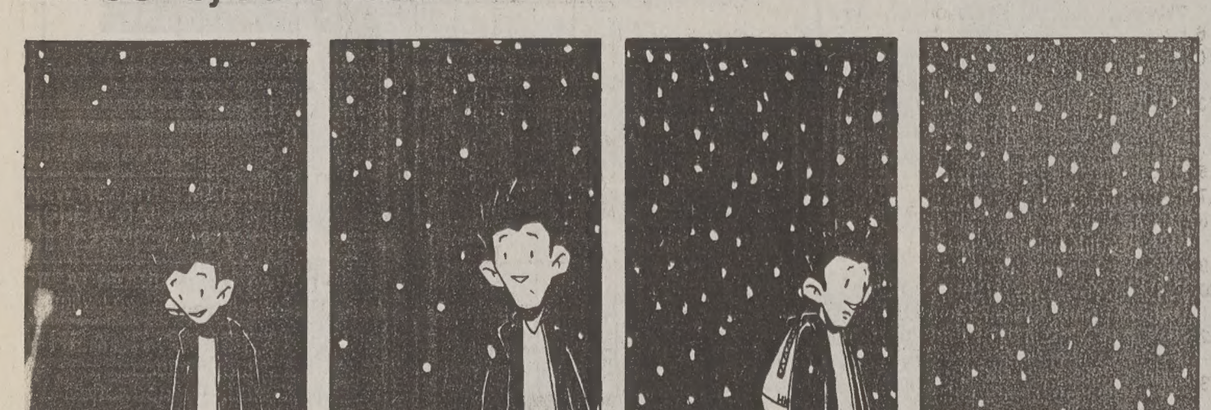

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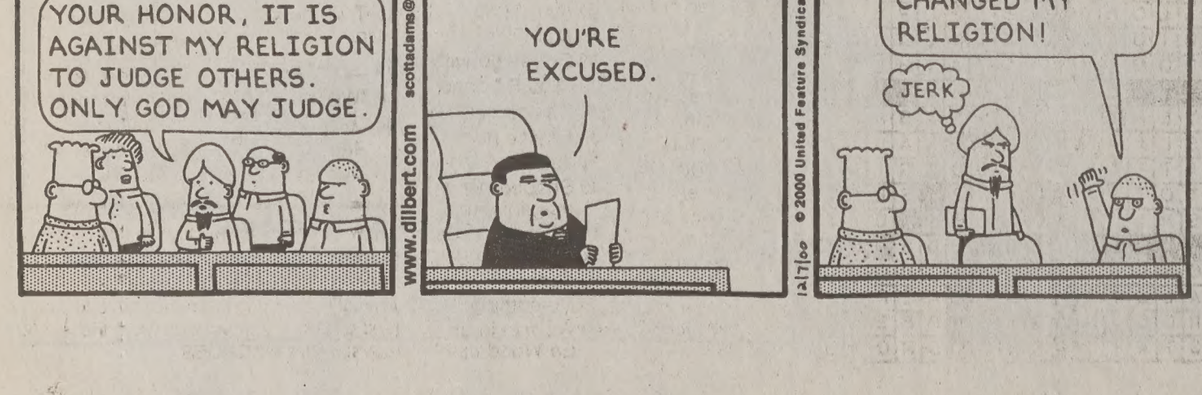
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Clinton, Congress fight over 2001 year budget

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders should force President Clinton to choose between less spending than he wants for many federal agencies or shutting down the government if they can't work out a budget deal with him, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay said Wednesday.

"If he wants to shut down the government, that's his problem, not ours," DeLay told reporters.

White House spokesman Jake Siewert said Clinton was not considering shutting the government down.

"We ought to avoid the divisive rhetoric and get to work," Siewert said.

DeLay's combative tone came as leaders of the lame-duck Congress struggle over whether to compromise with Clinton over school spending, taxes and other issues before he leaves office on Jan. 20. Some Republicans believe they would get a better deal, with lower spending, if they delayed a decision until the next administration, which seems increasingly likely to be headed by Republican George W. Bush.

But others have said they believe Bush would be better off getting a fresh start without lingering budget fights.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., have said they hope a compromise with Clinton can be worked out this week so the 106th Congress can finally adjourn. The new Congress takes office Jan. 3.

Four spending bills for fiscal 2001 remain unfinished, covering dozens of agencies. Rather than agreeing to spending increases for those measures that budget bargainers have tentatively agreed to, DeLay has preferred keeping them financed at this year's levels of spending, which aides say would save $15 billion.

DeLay is also open to bills temporarily financing those agencies with more money than this year "if it were reasonable," said DeLay spokesman Jonathan Baron.

Though Clinton has offered to trim $2 billion from the $18 billion in negotiated spending increases for schools, health and other social programs, he seems highly unlikely to sign legislation that would forego those spending boosts completely.

He also seems unlikely to sign legislation that would keep agencies financed at lower levels until early next year so the next president can make a final decision on spending levels.

U.S. announces search for servicemen remains

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. and North Korean officials plan to open negotiations next week on terms and conditions for resuming the Pentagon's search for remains of U.S. servicemen on former Korean War battlefields.

A Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday the North Koreans have agreed to hold talks in Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital, starting Dec. 13. Among the issues to be settled: the location, duration and number of excavation missions and financial compensation to North Korea.

The Pentagon plans to publicly announce the talks early next week.

Similar talks a year ago broke down when the North Koreans insisted that as part of a deal the United States pay for construction of a factory large enough to provide shoes and clothing for every child in North Korea. The North Koreans eventually dropped the demand and the Pentagon led five separate excavation missions in the vicinity of the Chongchon River, north of Pyongyang, the North's capital.

A resumption of the search for remains depends on striking a new deal. The United States paid North Korea $400,000 for its assistance in each of the five missions this year, which yielded 65 sets of remains.

The last 15 of those 65 sets of remains were repatriated in a ceremony on Veterans Day. All the remains are at the Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii awaiting positive identification.

The Pentagon lists 8,100 U.S. servicemen as missing from the Korean War, although it believes that only about half that number could be recovered. About 1,200 remains are believed to be at former POW camps near the Yalu River on North Korea's northwestern border with China, and about 1,500 are thought to be in the vicinity of the Chongchon River, which was the focus of this year's excavation effort.

Five arrested for vehicle burglary

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Two men and three juveniles have been arrested in the last three days for suspicion of vehicle burglary in Provo.

Jeffery Thomas Tyler, 20, and Roland Armond Dagostini, 20, were arrested at 1350 N. Freedom Blvd. just after midnight Monday, according to a police report released Tuesday.

Police officers on regular patrol saw the two men acting suspiciously near a car in an apartment parking lot and stopped to investigate, according to the report.

Both men were booked at Utah County Jail for suspicion of vehicle burglary and illegal consumption of alcohol by an adult minor.

Tuesday morning, three juveniles were arrested for suspicion of vehicle burglary, possession of stolen property and curfew violations, according to a police report released Wednesday.

Two were booked into a youth detention center, and the other was released to his mother.

The three were also charged with illegal consumption of alcohol, according to the report.

Police responded to a report of the vehicle burglary around 3 a.m. Tuesday.

A witness gave officers a description of the suspects' car. The police then located the car and arrested the suspects, according to the report.

The owner of one of the burglarized cars said his car's doors were not locked.

Capt. Keith Teuscher, criminal investigation division commander for the Provo Police, said car burglaries in Provo are fairly common.

"There is a lot of property being stolen and damaged," he said.

Teuscher recommended people should not keep valuables in their cars.

If it is necessary to keep valuables in the car, then do put it in the trunk or get a car alarm, he said.

People who see suspicious activity should report it to the police, Teuscher said.

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Spanish Fork improves cable TV

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SFCN's improved service will likely improve cable TV and Internet connection quality, he said.

"The incumbent provider sees the competition and upgrades its service," Bowcut said.

Spanish Fork is also testing a wireless Internet connection service for residents in a few neighborhoods, Bowcut said.

Nate Crow, a Spanish Fork resident and geographic information systems specialist for the city, is using the test version of the wireless Internet connection and said it is convenient and fast.

"It's great. My only child is 9 months old and he enjoys the Teletubbies Web site," he said.

The service will soon be offered for residents in areas that do not have overhead power lines, he said.

The cable television network will provide school, community and business programming, according to the Web site.

The business-oriented programming is designed to help residents become aware of local businesses, Bowcut said.

"We want to let them know of the types of services that are here in town," he said.

People go to Provo for their business needs because they do not know of businesses in Spanish Fork, Bowcut said.

The community network will be successful because of partnerships with local organizations, such as the Nebo School District, he said.

SFCN and the school district are building a TV broadcasting facility near Spanish Fork High School designed to be a classroom for the students and a local cable TV station, Bowcut said.

...bel Peace Prize winner under arrest

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...INGTON — A Nobel ...ze winner under house ... Burma for her human ...rk received America's ...ivilian award Wednes-... President Clinton dur-... commemoration of ...hts Day.

...an Suu Kyi, the Nation-...e for Democracy party ...o won the 1991 Nobel ...ro-democracy work and ...detained by the coun-...ilitary government, ...the Presidential Medal ...om. It will be accepted ..., Alexander Aris.

..."Her struggle continues and ...still inspires us," Clin-... "She has seen her sup-...peaten, tortured and ... she has never respond-...tred and violence in ...

...has been treated without ...t she has preached for-giveness, promising that in a democratic Burma there will be no retribution and nothing by honor and respect for the military."

Clinton also mentioned the still-unresolved U.S. presidential election when he recognized Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., a past recipient of the human rights award. Clinton said he has a picture of Lewis being beaten in Selma, Ala., in 1965 when white law enforcement officers used tear gas and nightsticks against blacks in a voting rights march.

Clinton noted a recent newspaper editorial Lewis wrote that pointed out that the "right to vote includes not only the right to cast a vote, but the right to have it counted."

Clinton also gave the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights to five people: Tillie Black Bear of South Dakota, who established one of the first shelters for battered women on an Indian reservation; Frederick Charles Cuny of Texas, who spent almost 30 years working to help civilian victims of conflict; Norman Dorsen of New York, who dedicated 50 years of his life to promoting civil rights; Elaine R. Jones of New York, who spent 25 years in the NAACP Defense and Education Fund; and Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick, who was recently named leader of the 510,000 Roman Catholics who live in the District of Columbia and southeastern Maryland.

The Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, was established by President Truman as a wartime honor. President Kennedy reintroduced it as way to honor service.

The award will be accepted by Suu Kyi's son because she has been held virtually incommunicado and allowed visits only by close relatives since Sept. 21, after a dispute with the government in Myanmar, also known as Burma.

Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1026

ACROSS
1 Like most movies
6 Facts
10 Radio broadcast: Abbr.
13 Key of Mozart's "Odense" Symphony
15 Kind of cuisine
17 Jerk around
18 A wonder of nature!
19 Go gray
20 Half of a one-two
22 Old English silver coins
23 A freak of the animal kingdom!
25 "How ___ ..."
26 Unlaid lawn
27 Laid up
29 Sets down
33 Turkish title
35 Pants leg feature
37 National Gallery architect
38 A living marvel!
40 A mutant from beyond your imagination!
42 "Public house"
43 Folded food
45 Singer Brickell
46 Alan of "Catch-22"
48 Served, as time
49 Turn right
50 Old PC platform
52 A beast like you've never seen before!
56 Sideburned film critic
59 Alternative to a singlestick
60 U.S.N. letters
61 A grotesquerie from a horror show!
63 Dormitory annoyance
65 Web with limited access
66 Georgia's ___ Shevardnadze
67 One end of a match: Abbr.
68 Half-awake
69 How you might hold a vicious animal

DOWN
1 Indian chief
2 Buddy
3 A strange and exotic creature!
4 High school subj.
5 Dressed (up)
6 Chicly
7 Tokyo stage show
8 Fire, to Fernando
9 Depleted a bank account, and then some
10 "The Four Seasons" star
11 Basic thread
12 Seeks change?
14 Sailing danger
16 Lyric poem part
21 Was coquettish
24 Rise dramatically
28 Donned, as oxfords
30 A monster that will chill your blood!
31 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
32 Entree go-with
33 "S.O.S." band
34 Engine part
35 Engine part
36 Juicer
39 Shaped like a megaphone
41 Carpaccio base
44 Lady on U.S. coins
47 Do-nothing
49 Woman in an Ed Wood title
51 Transcript preparer
53 ___-majesté
54 "Wozzeck," e.g.
55 Motown Records founder
56 Struck, old-style
57 Adonis
58 Viola's range
62 Brain monitor: Abbr.
64 No longer an option

Puzzle by Patrick Berry

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Fed worries about slowing economy, interest rates may decrease

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy showed further signs of slowing in November with weakness in auto sales, manufacturing and construction, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday.

In its latest survey of business conditions around the country, the Fed reported "further evidence of slowing in economic growth."

It said eight districts — Boston, Cleveland, Richmond, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco — were seeing signs of a slowdown while New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Minneapolis reported "moderate, steady growth."

The Fed survey, known as the beige book for the color of its cover, will be used when the central bank meets Dec. 19 to determine the next move on interest rates.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan sparked a huge rally on Wall Street on Tuesday when he said that the U.S. economy had slowed "appreciably."

His remarks were seen as signaling that the Fed saw no need to raise interest rates further to fight inflation and instead would be ready to cut rates if it appeared that growth was slowing so much that the risks of a recession were increasing.

Financial markets are not expecting the Fed to cut interest rates at its December meeting, but they do believe the Fed will move its policy statement to neutral and away from the position it has been for almost two years of leaning toward higher rates.

Markets gave back some of their gains on Wednesday with the Dow Jones industrial average off 190 points in midafternoon trading.

The Fed's beige book said that while labor markets remained tight around the country, wage growth had continued generally to be moderate. It did note "widespread reports of increased costs for employee health benefits."

The Labor Department released a revised estimate showing that productivity, the key to rising living standards, rose at a solid annual rate of 3.3 percent. That figure was slightly lower than an estimate a month ago that productivity was rising at a 3.8 percent annual rate.

The department said unit labor costs rose at a 2.9 percent annual rate in the third quarter, the fastest pace since a 4.3 percent jump in the April-June quarter of 1999. The new third-quarter figure represented an upward revision from an original estimate of a 2.5 percent increase in labor costs.

Worker productivity is the key to improvements in the standard of living. As long as workers are becoming more efficient, their employers can afford to pay them more without having to boost the cost of their products.

Productivity rose for all of 1999 by 2.9 percent following a 2.6 percent gain in 1998. Both increases were more than double the average annual gains for the two decades following 1973, when anemic productivity gains were considered one of the biggest problems facing the U.S. economy.

The 2.9 percent jump in unit labor costs for the July-September quarter followed a 0.2 percent decline in the second quarter of this year. While the 2.9 percent increase would be cause for concern if it continued, analysts noted that over the past year labor costs were up a barely discernible 0.2 percent.

For productivity, the 3.3 percent rate of increase in the third quarter followed a 6.1 percent surge in the second quarter. Over the past year, productivity for nonfarm businesses rose by a solid 4.8 percent.

The boom in productivity has prompted many economists to proclaim a new era for the economy in which significant investments in high-technology industries such as computers and telecommunications are leading to big payoffs in terms of prosperity. Skeptics contend that the productivity increases of recent years are a result of the strong economic growth and will fade away once growth returns to lower levels.

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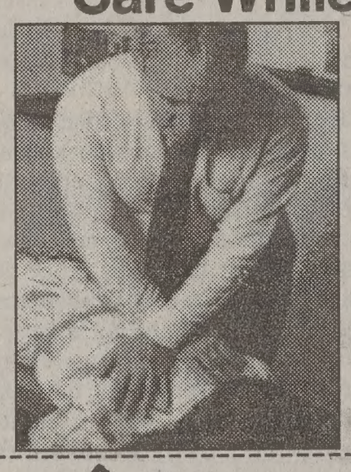
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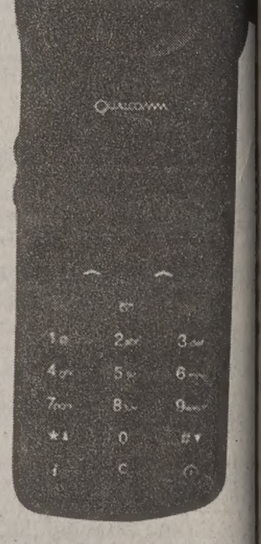
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